



May 26, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Rural communities and smaller cities need your help.

To date, many rural communities have not had access to the high-speed mobile broadband communications networks that more urban communities enjoy. As a result, communities such as ours in rural Kansas have had to work even harder to attract business investment.

One action that would greatly help our efforts to attract investment is your approval of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. Should this merger go through, it would result in the build out of high-speed 4G LTE mobile broadband technology to over 97 percent of America. Much of this will occur in rural communities, bringing many key benefits to cities like Wellington, Kansas.

High-speed mobile broadband will help to deliver real time healthcare and education services to areas that currently lack access to specialized medical and information programs. Rural small businesses will gain access to high-speed wireless services that will help them expand and compete more effectively in domestic and global markets.

It will make our area more competitive for business investment and will help our residents stay connected with the rest of America and the world.

As you review this proposed merger, I hope you will consider the benefits it will bring to rural communities such as Wellington, Kansas, and approve it.

Sincerely,

Shelley Hansel-Williams
Executive Director, Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce/CVB